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Dear Sir or Madam:

I am writing to object to USDA's rule allowing the irradiation of eggs. This rule flies in the face of many studies showing that the process ruins the nutritional and aesthetic qualities of dairy and egg products.

Salmonella comes from overcrowded and dirty factory farms. This issue must be addressed before after-the-fact treatments should be used. The answer is simple. Clean it up. Do not irradiate it.

Please continue to require that irradiated products be clearly labeled so I can stay clear of them in the grocery store.

I am respectfully submitting a request that the FDA holds a public hearing and stop the implementation this rule.

Sincerely,

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